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MEMBER OF METHAMPHETAMINE RING FOUND GUILTY

Faces minimum of 10 years in federal prison

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA . . .United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **DAVID O. WILLIAMS**, age 58, from Arlington, Texas was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine by a jury before United States District Judge Patricia Minaldi. The trial began Monday, January 8, 2007, and ended Wednesday, January 10, 2007, with the jury deliberating for only 20 minutes before returning the guilty verdict.

WILLIAMS and seven others were indicted in July 2004 as a result of a joint investigation by the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Drugs and Gang Task Force into a major methamphetamine ring operating in Louisiana and Texas. The other defendants in the case are:

| NAME | AGE | CITY, STATE | STATUS |
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| CORBIE LYNN WILLIAMS | | | Deceased |
| DAVID A. WALKER | 30 | Jasper, Texas | Sentenced to time served & 5 years supervised release. |
| WILLIE D. CAMPBELL | 24 | Merryville, Louisiana | Sentenced to 52 months imprisonment & 5 years supervised release. |
| BRIAN A. WILLIAMS | 34 | Jasper, Texas | Sentenced to 12 months imprisonment & 5 years supervised release |
| SUZANNE L. HICKMAN | 26 | Merryville, Louisiana | Pled guilty in July 2005. Awaiting sentencing |
| ROBERT B. LANCE | 37 | Kirbyville, Louisiana | Pled guilty in May 2005. Awaiting sentencing |
| JUSTIN C. FALLS | 37 | McKinney, Texas | Sentenced to time served & 3 years supervised release. |

From October 2003 through February 2004, WILLIAMS conspired with co-defendants to possess with the intent to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine.

At the time, WILLIAMS resided in the Dallas, Texas area and traveled to the Jasper, Texas area to visit his now deceased brother, Corbie Williams. During the conspiracy, WILLIAMS bought methamphetamine in one-half to one-ounce quantities from Corbie Williams' supplier and on one occasion brought methamphetamine from Dallas to Corbie Williams in Jasper, Texas. WILLIAMS was personally responsible for dealing with a total of 12 ounces of methamphetamine during the time period of the conspiracy.

Sentencing will be scheduled for a later date to be determined by the court. Williams faces a minimum of 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$4,000,000, and a term of supervised release of up to five years.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry J. Regan.

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